

"The Minister's Black Veil" by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Vocabulary Builder**Using the Root -path-**

A. DIRECTIONS: The word root *-path-* means "feeling, suffering, or disease." Keep that in mind as you answer the following questions on the lines provided.

1. *Pathology* is a branch of medicine. With what issues in medicine do you think it is concerned?

2. The prefix *anti-* means "against." If you felt extreme *antipathy* toward another person, would you want that person to be your friend? Explain.

3. The prefix *sym-* means "with." If your friend suffered a terrible disappointment, how would you show that you were *sympathetic*?

Using the Word List

imperceptible impertinent inanimate obstinacy pathos venerable

B. DIRECTIONS: Revise each sentence so that the underlined vocabulary word is used in a logical way. Be sure to keep the vocabulary word in your revision.

Example: The starving animal just picked at the food that was offered.

Revision: The starving animal gobbled up the food that was offered.

1. Because of Megan's obstinacy, she was always willing to change her mind for good reasons.

2. No one had any respect for the venerable old man.

3. The inanimate object jumped all over the room.

4. The audience laughed uproariously at the pathos in the play.

5. The impertinent child showed great respect to his elders.

6. The sound of the lion's roar was imperceptible from twenty feet away.
